Transportation & Goods Movement Council

July 8, 2014
10-11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions – Maureen Hayes, Parsons Corporation

2. Driving Off the Cliff: Funding Transportation in California

   Special Guests: Hon. Richard Bloom, Member, California Assembly
                   Will Kempton, Executive Director, Transportation California

   Federal and state funding for transportation in California has continued to decline over the past two decades despite a 25 percent increase in vehicle miles traveled and an unprecedented growth in the construction of new transit infrastructure. In the absence of increased federal funding, local and state governments will need to continue exploring new and innovative tools to help pay for the construction and maintenance of our transportation systems.

   These two State transportation leaders will discuss the state of transportation funding in California and the various policy options being considered to fund our future transportation needs.

3. Announcements

   Upcoming Events:
   - LA’s Largest Mixer: 5:00-9:00 p.m. — July 17th at the Shrine Auditorium Expo Center

   Next Meeting:
   Tuesday, August 5th, 10-11:30 a.m.
Hon. Richard Bloom
Assembly Member
State of California

Richard Bloom was elected to the California State Assembly in November 2012. The 50th Assembly district is comprised of Agoura Hills, Malibu, Topanga, Pacific Palisades, Bel Air, Brentwood, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and much of West Los Angeles, Hancock Park and Hollywood.

Born in Philadelphia, Bloom grew up in Altadena and West Los Angeles. He attended Fairfax High School, the University of California (Los Angeles and Berkeley) and Loyola School of Law. He holds a B.A. in Communication and Public Policy as well as a Juris Doctor degree. After law school, he opened the Law Offices of Richard Bloom and, for nearly 30 years, practiced family law. In 2008, Bloom became a non-profit Executive Director, first assisting low-income clients at Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center and then, the homeless at PATH Partners, both in Los Angeles. Bloom has served as a volunteer Judge Pro Tem and mediator for the Los Angeles Superior Courts and on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section.

In 1999, Bloom was elected to the Santa Monica City Council. Over a span of 13 years he served as Santa Monica’s Mayor three times and Mayor Pro Tempore twice. Bloom served the community for many years as Chair of the 30-member Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission that is charged with facilitating and overseeing plans to restore the health of the Santa Monica Bay and its watershed.

In 2009, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg appointed Bloom to the California Coastal Commission whose mission is to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance environmental and human-based resources of the 1,100-mile California coast and ocean for environmentally sustainable and prudent use by current and future generations.

In the Assembly, Bloom focuses on a broad range of priorities including fostering economic development and job creation, improving public school funding and outcomes, providing services for seniors and the disabled, ending homelessness, and protecting California's environment.

He lives in Santa Monica with his wife of 33 years, Robbie Black, his two young adult children, Zac and Emmett, three chickens and one dog.
Mr. Will Kempton  
Executive Director  
Transportation California

Transportation innovator and manager, Will Kempton, has 40 years of experience in transportation, public service and government affairs, and is currently serving as Executive Director of Transportation California, an industry-based transportation advocacy group. Mr. Kempton has moved between public and private posts throughout his varied career, which began at the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in 1973.

In 1985, Mr. Kempton became Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority, managing its billion-dollar highway construction program, the first of its kind in the state. In 1992, Kempton became a partner in Smith, Kempton & Watts, a Sacramento advocacy firm where he consulted in programs and policies to enhance effectiveness of public and private resources. In 2002, he became Assistant City Manager of the City of Folsom, and was recruited to head Caltrans in 2004. He served as Director of Caltrans from 2004 to 2009, and most recently spent nearly four years as Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).